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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER
CONFERENCES

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1. DURING UNOFFICIAL VISIT BY IMCO SYG-DESIGNATE C.P.
SRIVASTAVA TO WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 12-13, DEPTOFF (WEBB OF
MARITIME AFFAIRS) HAD CHANCE TO RAISE WITH HIM QUESTION
OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF FORTHCOMING UN CONFERENCE OF PLENI-
POTENTIARIES ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES, AND
WHETHER SRIVASTAVA WOULD BE AVAILABLE. LATTER STATED HE
FACED PROBLEM OF SCHEDULE CONFLICT BETWEEN MEETINGS OF
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IMCO ASSEMBLY (NOV. 13-23) AND FIRST TWO WEEKS OF UN

CONFERENCE, WHICH BEGINS NOV. 12. HE PLANS TO DISCUSS
MATTER WITH HIS GOVERNMENT BUT IS OPTIMISTIC GOI WILL AGREE
THAT HE SPLIT HIS TIME BETWEEN THE TWO MEETINGS, WHICH
WOULD PERMIT HIM TO TAKE CHAIRMANSHIP OF UN CONFERENCE IF
OTHERS DESIRE.

2. IN ANSWER TO WEBB'S QUESTION SRIVASTAVA SAID THAT
GROUP OF 77 UNDERSTOOD, FROM TIME OF JUNE PREP COMMITTEE
MEETING, THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN AT UN CONFER-
ENCE. HE INTIMATED ALSO THAT GROUP D COUNTRIES WOULD BE

SIMILARLY AMENABLE.

3. THIS LEFT IMPLICATION THAT IT UP TO GROUP B COUNTRIES
TO RATIFY LARGELY FAIT ACCOMPLI. DEPARTMENT CONCURS
WITH GENEVA ASSESSMENT (REF B) THAT SRIVASTAVA IS BEST
CANDIDATE.

4. ADDRESSEES MAY USE ABOVE INFORMATION AS THEY DEEM
APPROPRIATE. RUSH

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